IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of

Uwe Keyser Confirmation No. 4258

Serial No. 10/509,909 Group Art Unit 3663

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For METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PROMPTLY CONDUCTING
NON-DESTRUCTIVE CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF TEST OBJECTS

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2006, the applicant elects, with traverse, the group 1 invention which includes claims 1-5.

While the office action states that there is a lack of unity on the grounds that there is no common special technical feature, it is noted that at the International Stage no lack of unity issue was raised and all claims were examined. In view of the prosecution at the international stage, all claims should be considered in the national stage filing.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,

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